

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 20-29 are pending.

Claims 20-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Claims 20-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ellis et al. (US Pre Grant Pub. 2003/0020744).

As to the Section 112 rejection, the language “user search history” has been canceled from claim 20. The Section 112 rejection of claims 20-27 is believed to be overcome.

Independent claim 20 substantively recites in part a second receiver receiving unique information comprising “one or more of first electronic program guide (EPG) data relating to programming information of programs broadcast by the plurality of broadcast stations, second EPG data from one of the broadcast stations relating to information other than programming information of programs broadcast by that broadcast station, or viewer related features originating from at least one of the broadcast stations.” See also independent claims 28 and 29.

The specification as originally filed discloses the first and second EPG information at page 3, lines 21-27 and page 16, lines 6-19. The specification at page 16, lines 20-27 provides support for the viewer related features. No new matter has been added.

Ellis does not disclose both the recited “first EPG information relating to programming information of programs from all of the stations” and the recited “second EPG information for information other than programming information from each station.” Ellis does not disclose “viewer related services originating from at least one of the stations.”

Independent claim 20 further recites in part “wherein the first EPG information, the second EPG information, and the viewer related features are stored in a hierarchical structure.” See also independent claims 28 and 29. Ellis, of course cannot teach this recited limitation because Ellis does not teach the first EPG information, the second EPG information, and the viewer related services.

The Section 102 rejection of the claims is believed to be overcome.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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